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SUBJ: AMCIT REPATRIATION: VICTOR ORESHKOV

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1. ORESHKOV TELEPHONED EMBASSY JULY 25 AND REQUESTED CONSOFF MEET HIM ON STREET AND ESCORT HIM INTO EMBASSY, WHICH CONSOFF DID WITHOUT INCIDENT. HE THEN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP REGISTRATION WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPT. (PPT/FE) UNDER COVER OM ASAP.

2. WHILE ATTEMPTNG RETURN EMBASSY ON JULY 9 (REF. A), ORESHKOV STATED, HE HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY KGB AND QUESTIONED. HE STATED KGB HAD CONFISCATED U.S. CITIZENSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH HE HAD ALREADY COMPLETED AND REFUSED TO ALLOW HIM PROCEED TO EMBASSY. INSTEAD, HE SAID, THEY HAD INCARCERATED HIM AT POLICE STATION (POSSIBLY RAILWAY STATION DETENTION CENTER) OVERNIGHT, DEMANDED HE LEAVE MOSCOW THE NEXT DAY, AND FINALLY ESCORTED HIM TO TRAIN TO ENSURE HIS DEPARTURE. HE SAID HE PROCEEDED TO ORDZHONIKIDZE, BUT COULD LOCATE NEITHER EMPLOYMENT NOR LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS THERE, AND THERFORE HAD RETURNED TO MOSCOW. ASKED WHAT HE PLANNED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, ORESHKOV SAID HE WOULD NOW TRAVEL TO GORKY TO LOOK FOR WORK, AND WOULD INFORM THE EMBASSY WHEN HE HAD A PERMANENT ADDRESS.

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3. ELABORATING FURTHER ON SUBJECT OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS RETURN TO USSR (REF B), ORESHKOV ONCE AGAIN INSISTED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED SOVIET PASSPORT FROM CONSUL BURMISTROV, BUT MERELY A "PIECE OF PAPER". HE SAID BURMISTROV, HAD ADVISED HIM THAT TO SATISFY US REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPARTURE FROM THE US, HE NEEDED INS PERMISSION, A TAX CLEARANCE, AND A "WAIVER" FORM. THEREFORE, ORESHKOV SAID HE CALLED AT NEW YORK PASSPORT OFFICE "MAY 2 OR MAY 4" 1973, (ORESHKOV HAS ENVELOPE WHICH HE SAYS HE RECEIVED FROM THIS OFFICE: IT IS ADDRESSED TO HIM WITH THE PASSPORT OFFICE'S RETURN ADDRESS 630 5TH AVE.; NEW YORK; BUT BEARS NO POSTMARK). ORESHKOV SAID HE WAS SENT TO SECOND FLOOR OFFICE AND THERE MET A MIDDLE-AGED MAN WITH A LIMP WHOM HE BELIEVED TO BE THE "CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT", AND HAD ASKED FOR "PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE US". HE STATED THE "CHIEF" HAD GIVEN HIM TWO FORMS AND ADVISED HIM TO "GO TO WASHINGTON AND APPLY FOR A WAIVER" WITH THEM. INSTEAD OF DOING SO, ORESHKOV SAID HE HAD ASKED BURMISTROV'S ADVICE, AND WAS TOLD THE FORMS WERE NOT NECESSARY, THAT WITHOUT THE SOVIET "PASS" HE COULD NOT IN ANY CASE VISIT HIS PARENTS, AND THAT THE "PASS" WAS ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY. ORESHKOV CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THAT HE TRADED HIS EXPIRED AMERICAN PASSPORT FOR BURMISTROV'S "PASS", BUT STATED REPEATEDLY HE AT NO TIME HAD ANY INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING US CITIZENSHIP.

4. WHILE ORESHKOV WISHES BEGIN APPLICATION FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION ASAP, HE HAD NO RELATIVES IN US, AND THEREFORE WILL BE UNABLE OBTAIN VYZOV FROM THIS USUAL SOURCE. HE STATED HE FELT HIS ATTORNEY, WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS "S. JARVIS, 10 EAST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK, WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THIS NECESSARY DOCUMENT. ALTERNATIVELY, HE BELIEVES TOLSTOY FOUNDATION WOULD AGREE TO SUPPLY VYZOV, SINCE FOUNDATION HAD BEEN HIS PREVIOUS SPONSOR.

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